

Sussex County Genealogical Society  
Rehoboth Public Library  
March 23, 2004

Due to the illness of Founder, Pat Bray, Audrey Sensale, Acting Vice President, presided at the meeting. Nametags are available; Carolyn Miller made these, please return at end of meeting. Audrey read the list of nominations for officers. Membership applications are to be given to Gene Chap. Audrey reminded everyone about the April trip. The May 15, 2004 meeting will be the election of officers and presentation of the bylaws. Today's monetary donation will be given to the Philadelphia Archives Book Fund.

Lynne Hooker introduced the speaker, Rebecca Warlow, Archives Specialist, National Archives and Records Administration, Mid-Atlantic Region, Philadelphia, PA. Rebecca passed out folders on the Archives. Immigration Records: Archives in Washington have all ports of entry. Regional archives have lists for ports in their region. Starting about 1820, Congress passed law that shipping companies must list all passengers. Philadelphia lists – 1800-1819 used cargo manifests and passengers listed at bottom of list. 1890 began changes in lists of emigrants, showed ethnicity, etc. Was a myth that name changed at port of call, there were many translators available. Almost all lists are indexed, can obtain name of ship and date arrived (from Sounded card) will give page # and line of entry on manifest. Naturalization: PA 1<sup>st</sup> papers. Certificate of Arrival after Sept 29, 1906 at port of processing. Location of information ( 1) Fed Court; (2) State Court; (3) County Court. Any court can naturalize. Could sign petition with "X" – later required to sign name. Naturalization Law, prior 9/22/22 same citizen as father –then that of their husbands. Resident requirement is minimum of five years. Petition at top "Age" "Minor" – parents not naturalized. Civil War and WWI naturalization was used as recruiting mechanism. 1907 –1922 Women became citizens of country of origin of husband. Name changes were possible at time of naturalization. After 1906 could actually change name. Passenger lists are available in National Archives in DC and regional offices for port of entry. Be linguist: be open to possibility of change in spelling of name. Rebecca answered questions from members.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Marjorie F. Frampton, Acting Secretary

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Press Release

Sussex County Genealogical Society

The new Sussex County Genealogical Society, in partnership with Rehoboth Beach Public Library, 226 Rehoboth Avenue, will meet on Tuesday, March 23, 2004 in the library's upstairs meeting room from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Rebecca C. Warlow, Archivist Specialist, National Archives Mid-Atlantic Region, Philadelphia, will discuss "Immigration and Naturalization Records as Genealogical Resources." Audrey Sensale, SCGS interim Vice-President, will introduce the speaker, and a voluntary \$1 contribution to the Philadelphia National Archives Book Fund will be asked. This presentation is available to anyone who is interested in researching their family history. Please call the library at 302-227-8044 to register.